

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prosecution of the instant application has been re-opened as described in the Office Action mailed December 19, 2007.

Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are pending in this application. Currently, claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hamming (U.S. Patent No. 6,034,839). Claims 9 and 11-20 are allowed. The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-8 would be allowable if re-written to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 2.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 2, claims 1 and 2 are hereby canceled. In addition, claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 2.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all currently pending claims are presently in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that any further action by Applicant is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, Applicants request a telephone conference with the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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